

waived by the Assistant Secretary), may modify the boundaries of a district, if it determines that such modification will contribute to a more effective program for economic development.

§ 302.6 Termination and suspension of district designation.

EDA may, upon 60 days prior written notice to the district organization, member counties or other areas as determined by EDA, and each affected State, terminate the designation status of an Economic Development District:

(a) When the district no longer meets the standards for designation as set forth above;

(b) When a district has not maintained a currently approved strategy in accordance with part 303 of this chapter; or

(c) When a district has requested termination.

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§ 302.7 Eligibility of non-distressed areas.

Areas in districts which are not themselves eligible for assistance under parts 305 or 308 may be eligible, as provided in § 301.2(c).

PART 303—PLANNING PROCESS AND STRATEGIES FOR DISTRICT AND OTHER PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTED BY EDA

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§ 303.1 Definitions, purpose and scope.

(a) As used in this part 303. (1) *Planning organization* means an Economic Development District organization, Indian tribe, or other recipient of an EDA grant under part 306 of this chapter which grant is awarded in whole or in part to develop, update, or replace a CEDS, and

(2) *Strategy committee* means that committee or other entity identified by the planning organization as responsible for developing, updating, or replacing a strategy.

(b) This part describes the planning process of and requirements for strategies developed and implemented by planning organizations supported by EDA. Though the strategy requirements are the same under all EDA programs which call for a strategy, the planning process and reporting and updating requirements for EDA supported planning organizations are more stringent.

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§ 303.2 Planning process.

(a) The strategy committee must be inclusive and representative of the main economic interests of the area covered by the strategy. Such interests include public officials, community leaders, private individuals, business leaders, labor groups, minorities, and others who can contribute to and benefit from improved economic development in the area covered.

(b) The planning organization must support the strategy committee with a staff skilled in economic planning or related fields.

(c) The planning organization must conduct an initial and continuous study and analysis of the opportunities for economic development and of problems contributing to economic and related distress in the area covered, such as, for example, unemployment, underemployment, outmigration, or low per capita income, and possible solutions to such problems.

(d) Planning organizations covered by this part 303 must submit an initial strategy to EDA in compliance with the requirements of § 303.3, as determined by EDA. Each year thereafter, the planning organization must submit an annual strategy report, acceptable to EDA.

(e) A new or revised strategy is required at least every five years, or sooner if EDA or the planning organization determines that the strategy is inadequate due to changed circumstances. Each strategy must be available for review and comment by